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Please receive this letter of intent requesting an opportunity to comment at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Las Vegas Hearing on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 I request 10 minutes of the STB Hearing time for testimony

As a Lincoln County resident, I am in full support of this rail line and the economic potential it will provide our community I am sixty one years old, born and raised in Lincoln County and have seen first hand the results of economic depression cycles we have suffered through. Mining and the Rail Road have been the only employment opportunity's outside of the fixed number civic and education positions Mining is very cyclic and uncertain, and the rail road continues to shrink in local opportunities for our youth I believe that this rail line will not only provide long term employment opportunities in and of its self, but will attract new business and make it possible for mining to again be profitable due to rail transportation out of the area.

I am full support of a rail line coming from Caliente, up through our valley and on to the Yucca Mountain for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel Having been Nevada Power Company's nuclear safety officer for twelve years at Reid Gardner generating station, I believe I have some understanding of the complexities and hazards of radioactive material storage and transportation With this background I believe the safety process that has been described and researched for the transportation containers and the final storage vaults for our nations spent fuel will be much safer for the environment and personnel than driving an automobile on any interstate highway in this country

With the energy crisis we face as a nation, nuclear is clearly the most efficient, clean and cost effective I for one wish to do my part for our children's future by supporting the rail line to provide a very safe process to transport and store the waste from this nations best energy source

Sincerely,

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